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HUNS DRIVEN BACK 700 YARDS ON 1500-YARD FRONT IN PICARDY

PREDICTS SPLIT

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Rivers West-Southwest of

Morlancourt.

(Associated Press.). London, May 6.—The British line

has been advanced on a consider-able front between the Somme and

Ancre rivers west-southwest of Morlancourt, says the official stae-ment from Field Marshal Haig's

The British positions in the neighborhood of Locon and the Laws river on the southern leg of the Lys salient in Flanders, have

this locality has been advanced on a considerable front ip spite of strong opposition from the enemy, whose losses were heavy. Over 150 prison-

ers, two machine guns and a trench

Our own casualties were slight,

mortar were captured by our troops.

to our advantage in the neighborhood

of Locon and the Lawe river. Our positions in this locality have been

BERLIN EDITORS ANGRY

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, calls upon the German govern-

ment to make strong representations to Washington, reminding the Ameri-

number of American prisoners upon

whom reprisals might be taken, "so as to prevent the lynching of Germans

in America from becoming a fashion-

ARTILLERY FIRE RENEWED

Italian Reconnoissances on the

Lower Piave River Said to

Have Been Frustrated.

(International News Service.)

war office announces that heavy ar-

tillery ducis continue all along the

Italian front, said a dispatch from Vi-

"Artillery duels continue all along

(Associated Press.)

on aerial activity issued tonight by the

til evening, when reconnaissance was

possible. Nine tons of bombs were dropped on the Chaulnes railway junc-

tion and on Rapaume, Armentieres, Mer.

hostile machine was brought down by

our aviators and four others were dis-

abled. Two of our machines, missing since May 3, have since returned.

"After dark, although conditions were

still unfavorable, more than three tons of

There was very little air fighting. One

war office reads:

ville and Estaires.

our machines returned."

London. May 5 .- The official statement

There was a dense mist Saturday un-

DOWN, FOUR DISABLED

enna today. The text follows:

reconnoissances were frustrated.

Amsterdam, May 6.—The Austrian

ON ITALIAN FRONT

can government that Germany

"Local fighting took, place last night

cal fighting. The statement reads:

improved as the result of lo-

BELGIANS DRIVE BACK HUN FORCE

Attempt to Approach Advance Posts in Region of Nieuport Dispersed.

FIGHT ON BELGIAN FRONT

German Naval Division Protect. ing Coast Transferred to Somme.

AMERICANS AT FRONT.

Uncle Sam's Troops Occupy Sector of Amiena Front South of Grivesnes. (Internaltional News Service.)

London. May 6.—American troops are occupying a sector of the Amiens battle front south of Grivesnes and west of Montdidier, according to a news agency dispatch received here today.

Grivesnes is four miles north-west of Montdidier and fifteen miles southeast of Amiens. That district faces the south-western side of the German

(International News Service.)

London, May 6 .- Renewal of German activities against the Belgians at the extreme northern end of the western battle front indicates that a blow is impending there, having the two-fold object of infiltrating southward along the the North sea coast menacing Dunkirk and of driving in the northern flank of the Yores salient. An official report issued by the Bel gian war office said:

"In the night time an enemy party was attempting to approach our advanced posts in the region of Nieuport (on the coast) was dispersed by

The operation on the northern end of the line probably would be carried out in conjunction with converging attacks from the south, the German striking from the Kemmel sector.

The Germans had been protecting the Nieuport sector with a naval division composed of marines. But these were transferred to the Somme and part in the German grand offensive which began on March 21. The marines were badly cut up in the fighting in front of Amiens. The naval forces were replaced on

the coast by landwehr, but recently the landwehr were replaced by active first line troops.

The Germans occupy favorable po tions among the dunes for an attack over a five-mile front in the Nieuport zone, which is hardly enough for elbow room.

Between Nieuport and Dixmude the country is flooded and there is a barrier three or four miles wide in front of the

On the Yser canal the Germans hold positions on the bank that resulted in a surprise attack last August. East of Dixmude and between Mercken and Boesinghe, almost to the outskirts of Ypres, the German artillery has become more active.

guns that are supporting the Belgian artillery are engaging in incessant counter-battery work, while air activity is increasing on a similar scale, The German war office in its official report issued Sunday night, said that there had been no new developments on

The struggle may flare up anywhere between Noyon and the North sea coast | weaken their resistance and momentarily. No sustained bombardmomentarily. No sustained bombard-ment of several days gives warning of forthcoming big scale infantry attacks nowadays. Not since Gen. Byng in-vented short, sharp bursts of gunfire from massed artillery with many gas shells, has the old style artillery prep-

aration been in use. The boches are always cager to seize worthy ideas and they faithfully copied the shorter but intenser artillery preparation which Gen. Byng first used successfully at Cambrai last October. The new style artillery preparation doesn't give ample warning nor time for the defensive side to concentrate men and guns to repel the attack they know is forthcoming.

The logical spot for Hindenburg to select as the theater of his next operations would be against Arras and Givenchy—executing a famous "pincers movement" with the lower jaw snapping northward from Hebuterne and the upper crushing southward from Locre, just outside of Bethune. Such a scissors operation, if successful, would give the enemy greater elbow room and et the same time cramp the allies further and afterward give Von Hindenburg greater elasticity for troop movements as the soldiers could be shifted directly north and south without having to curve in and out of salients. Owing to the presence of bulges above and below the Givenchy-Arras line the boches would not be compelled to attack frontally against detensive posttions strengthened by four years of of assaults concentrically from the flanks, maintaining merely arfillery drum fire in front of the posi-

Even such operations will not de vinte Gen. Foch from his plans, as the allied strategy is the simplest imag-inable—let she enemy bleed himself groupy while struggling for geographcal points, but maintain the reserve army intact against such time that the enemy is so weakened he cannot meet a counter drive nor retaliate.

GERMANY SENDS PEACE FEELER TO ENGLAND; WOULD RESTORE BELGIUM

London, May 6.-Germany has made her first definite move in the

London, May 5.—Germany has made her first definite move in the new peace offensive by sending out a peace feeler to England, consisting of eight terms, two of which promise the renunciation of all German claims in the west and the restoration of Belgium.

The peace agent that Germany is said to have sent to London is commonly supposed to be a former war minister of Holland, said a Central News dispatch from The Hague. Advices from the Dutch capital this afternoon outlined the German

Germany renounces all claims in the west.

Belgium to be restored to autonomous independence.

Alsace-Lorraine to receive autonomy within the German federa

The status in the east to remain as at present.

Austria-Hungary to make concessions to Italy in Trentino.

The Balkan questions to be decided at an international confer-

All questions affecting Africa and Asia Minor to be solved. Germany to abandon all claims to Kino-Chau but to require cer-

tain economy concessions from China.

There is a disposition in German cincles to speak freely of the new proposals, which, it is reported, have already been made known to the British foreign office, the dispatches from The Hague added. It is regarded as certain that they were inspired from Berlin.

Kiao-Chau, which Germany promises to give up was a leasehold on the Chinese coast. Germany secured a 99-year lease on the tract and built a strong fort there. The fort was attacked by Japanese and Brit-ish forces at the outbreak of the war and it was reduced. The allies then occupied Kiao-Chau.

BERLIN REPORTS ALLIES ADVANCE DEFEAT ALLIES ON WIDE FRONT

Anglo-French Attacks on the Between Somme and Ancre Flanders Front Repulsed. 300 Prisoners Taken.

Berlin, Sunday, May 5 (Via London.)—Repulse of Anglo-French attacks on the Flanders battle front is reported in the official announcement by the war office today. More than 300 prisoners are reported captured in the fighting.

Increased artillery activity south the Somme is announced in the state-"After the strongest artillery prep

aration French divisions attacked our positions on Kemmell hill and near Bailleul unsuccessfully. They were repulsed with heavy losses and left over 300 prisoners in our hands. An in west of Bailleul failed to develop because of our fire. South of Hebuterne (north of the Somme) strong British thrusts failed. The battle front on both sides of the Somme saw a revival of artillery activity in the evening. It increased especially near Vilers-Bretonneux and on the west bank of the

WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON GERMAN PEACE DRIVE

Washington, May 6.—Officials and diplomats here, on reading Germany's purported peace terms as outlined today in dispatches from London, recalled that British officials recently predicted a "peace offensive" and said, furthermore, that they expected that terms to be offered in behalf of Germany would be framed so as to appear most attractive to Great Britain.

Every peace move made by Germany since her first offer has been promptly

since her first offer has been promptly branded by the allied statesmen as subtle propaganda to sow dissension and discord among the allied people.

weaken their resistance and lead to what has been characterized as a German-made peace. Foreign Minister Balfour's positive statement in the house of commons that no suggestions of peace negotia-tions had come to Great Britain through a neutral seemed to put the situation beyond the realm of serious

GERMANS INJECT GAS INTO LETTERS

consideration.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, April 19 .- (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Germans are credited, in reports received here, with injeting asphyxiating gas into letters sent home by prisoners in their camps. A woman living in the village of La Sicotiere recently was ill for several days, after opening a letter from a French prisoner in Germany.

On the same day, it is said, another woman received a letter also containing poison gas from her husband, a captive in Bavaria. Other cases have the southwestern front."

TO PASS OVER LEGISLATION ONE MACHINE BROUGHT TO INCREASE POST RATES

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 6.—The senate postoffice committee today decided that legislation to suspend or modify increased second-class postage rates, which become effective July warfare. Recent attacks north and which newspaper publishers have atsouth of this segment, permits the tacked, would not be considered in connection with the pending postoffice appropriation bill. .

BOLSHEVIK ENVOY CALLS

REPORTS OF REVOLT ABSURD finternational News Service.) London, May 6 .- Boris Litvinoff, botshevik envoy to England, declared to-day that the Moscow report of a counter-revolution in northern Russia are "absurd." He duclared that such re-"absurd." He declared that such re-bombs were dropped on the Chaulner why so many of them are fighting ports were being circulated for polit, railway junction and on Bapaume. All for democrace. The weather? Showers ical purposes,

ON IRISH ROCK

15,000 Hear Anti-Conscription Speeches by Nationalist and Sinn Fein Leaders.

(Associated Pres.)
London, May 6.—Anticonscription speeches were made from the same platform by Jehs Dillon, nationalist leader, and Pref. Edward de Valera, head of the Sinn Fein, yesterday, at Ballaghadereen, in Dillen's constituency of East Mayo. Good humor and enthusiasm characterized the demonstration, attended by 15,000 persons.

Mr. Dillon said that if the Irish kept united and determined for an-

cher united and determined for another two weeks they would defeat conscription. He earnestly appealed for a spirit of frank and friendly cooperation throughout Ireland. Without this unity was impossible, If the nation's unity was broken in the face of the present terrific danger, Mr. Dillon continued, the government would be encouraged to pursue its wicked and insane policy and the discipline of the people, which is essential to the defeat of conscription, would be broken.

Her Rights As a Nation.
The nationalists and Sin Feiners, he said, actually agreed that the whole struggle for Ireland's rights was based on the principle of her rights as a section.

on the principle of her rights as a nation.

A powerful section of the house of commons and organized laber of treland had declared egainst conscription in Iceland, Mr. Dillon added, unless and until an Irish parliament and an Irish government were established. These things, combined with united opposition in Ireland and the action of the county bishops, had given the government pause, but it would be a disastrous mistake to suppose that danger had passed. He suggested the formation of Irish committees attached to every church and chapel so that in the event of a struggle being forced, upon them, the church could be the rallying point.

Unite Against Conscription.

ENEMY FLIERS EMULATE SOLDIERS' TRICKINESS

"A successful minor operation was carried out by us last night between the Somme and Ancre rivers west-southwest of Morlancourt. Our line in Unsportsmanlike Tricks Resorted to to Outwit American Aviators.

> (Ansociated Press.) With the American Army in France, Friday, May 3 .- German

aviators are now resorting to undeavor to outwit American fliers. The trickiness of the German soldier afoot is emulated by enemy airmen, who are marking their machines to make them look as much like allied markings as pos-

Amsterdam, May 6.—The lynching at Collinsville, Ill., last month of Robert P. Frager, a German, who was accused by the mob which hanged him of disloyalty, has infuriated German editors. The Zeitung Am Mittag, of Collins all a month of German Royalty. The Germans have taken to rounding off the corners of the cross on the wings of their planes to make them look like allied badges. The game of the German airman is to play around, get a shot if he can and then run. American fliers for fear of attacking a probable friend, must get up close to an enemy machine, usually after considerable maneuvering, before opening the new primary law to require that

> Like Mosquitoes in Sky. Here is what happens at an airdrome to which Americans are at-tached when an alarm comes in: The telephone bell rings at the hangar and the location of the enemy is reported. A number of young Americans take the gir quickly, and, in less than five minutes from the time the bell rings, the airplanes look like mosquitoes in

they are back again and compare "Did you see anything?" one yells "One Hun, away back in Germany,"

the sky. In three-quarters of an hour

comes the reply.
"What were those three machines north of ——?" is the next question. Completing Their Training.

Then the Americans climb out and sit around and wait for the end of their tour of duty or for another alarm. "On the lower Plave river Italian The American airmen are using the same machine guns which have found most effective by the Anglo-French army. Some of the Americans are completing their training in flying formation on patrol in fast chasers while others are learning observation and photograph werk.

Showers, Says Billy 'Possum



tionary of les: She of simipaid about as much attention to him as a taxi driver does to a "Don't park here" sign. Yes, Edwina, the poor ball

players just as and warmer tonight and Tuesday.

GERMANS LAUNCH GAS ATTACK ON AMERICANS

With the American Army Forces on the French Front, May 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Germans launched a heavy gas attack against the American troops on the Picardy front during the night. Early in the evening they sent over 15,000 shells composed chiefly of mustard gas, within a brief period. These shells were followed by an intense artillery fire at midnight, several hundred gas shells were dropped into the American lines.

WEALTHY SAND MOUNTAIN MAN HELD FOR ESPIONAGE

Gadsden, Ala., May 6.-J. Clesky, formerly postmaster at Boaz for sixteen years, and rated one of the wealthiest men on Sand mountain, has been arrested and held under \$10,000 bond, on charges of violating

the espionage act. It is alleged that he is responsible for much antiwar sentiment in that section.

McClesky is charged with saying that "Germany could not whip the United States any too soon to suit me. I would just as soon live under the German kaiser as the way we are living today. I would just as soon live under the kaiser as under Woodrow Wilson.

TUMULTUOUS SCENE AT METHODIST CONFERENCE

Atlanta, May 6.—Delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, here today, participated in the most tumultuous demonstration ever known at such a meeting, when Maj. C. W. Gordon, of the Forty-third battalion Cameron Highlanders of Canada, predicted that the war would end on the western front when 2,000,000 Amer-ican soldiers were in France.

At the conclusion of Maj. Gordon's address, the presiding officer, Bishop E. E. Hoss, declared there were men present in the conference who had could be the rallying point.

Unite Against Conscription.

The nationalist leader declared he was convinced it would take an army such as England could ill spare to carry out successfully conscription in Ireland. He was also convinced that the government would split on the Irish rock and instead of destroying the Irish nation, the Irish would destroy them.

Prof. de Valera said his followers would unite with those of Mr. Dillon to defeat conscription,

mended concurrence in the memorials requesting that the ritual be changed to read "Christ's Holy church" instead of "Holy Catholic church." Notice was given that a minority report on the same subject would be presented. Resolutions deploring the death at Pittsburg of Bishop Franklin Hamil-ton, of the Metholist Episcopal church, were adopted by a rising vote.

RULES FOR CANDIDATES

(Special to The News.) Nashville, May 6 .- A meeting of the state democratic primary committee was held at the capitol Monday afternoon to arrange for the August pri-mary. Chairman Hill was instructed

to mail to each of the county executhe candidates who have qualified for United States senator, governor and railroad commissioner. The county committees will use this list in nomi-nating the county primary boards at the meetings to be held at every county sent on May M.

each candidate for governor, United States senator and railroad commissioner shall file a petition signed by twenty-five voters with the state primary board thirty days before the primary of Aug. 1, and that petitions do not have to be filed with each county board. Candidates for congress and the state executive committee shall file such petitions with each county in their respective districts Similar petitions must be filed with county boards thirty days before the primary by candidates for the general

The state committee will meet May 28 and confirm the county primary boards nominated by the county executive committees. The county primary boards will then meet May 27 and

organize. John D. Martin, of Memphis, came "They looked like French, but you before the committee and gave notice nople, according to a news agency disnever know," was the answer to this particular question.

The dispatch quoted the Turkish tuted commissioners of Shelby county" be recognized. This is the Crump com-

Unrest in Slovenian

London, May 6 .- Unrest in the Slovenian districts of Austria is grow-ing daily and mutiny is spreading with great rapidity. Reuter's, limited, as nounced today it had learned from Serbian source. A recent conflict between Germans and Slovenians ended in bloodshed.

BRITISH WITHDRAW TROOPS EAST JORDAN

London, May 6. — The British have withdrawn their troops' from Es-Salt, east of the Jordan, in Palestine, the war office announces. Nearly 1,000 Ger-mans and Turks and twentynine machine guns have been captured in the last few days.

ALLIED LINE SWINGS OUT TO CONFORM WITH GAINS

Australian Troops Irresistible in Drive on Northern Front-Crest of Ridge East and West of Morlancourt Contested—Affords Observation of Wide-Valley.

(Associated Press)

With the British Army in France, May 6.—Operations between the Somme and Ancre rivers were a continuation of one started Saturday night southwest of Morlancourt. That time the Australians drove in against the enemy and smashed them back 700 yards along a front of 1,500 yards. Last night's push resulted in the line further north being swung out to conform with the gains made

Most of the contested positions lay on the crest of a considerable ridge running east and west below Morlancourt. The ridge not only overlooks that place, but gives observation for a long distance on the valley of the Ancre and the Somme.

By their two attacks the Australians greatly improved their situation on this high ground.

This was the only infantry action of importance reported, but last night the Germans were still working to complete their arrangements for the renewal of their attack and hard fighting will apparently be under way again very shortly.

FURTHER ATTACKS FROM GERMANS EXPECTED SOON

Activity of Enemy Along Ypres Sector Posibly a Prelude to Distract Attention.

6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The opinion is virtually unanimous that further great attacks which the German staff must inevitably deliver. If the nineteenth and three in the twentit intends to hold to the promises made to the German nation when the offensive was started, must come soos.

Under this form of compulsory serve The great activity of the enemy along the Ypres sector is possibly a prelude to the opening of a new German rush there, or is intended to dispared attack elsewhere. There is, indeed, a widespread view that the next move must come from the German armies concentrated under Gen. Von Below fronting Arras. Some of its divisions were borrowed by other German. The committee on itinerancy, in a were borrowed by other German (International News Service.)

majority report, favored the abolish- armies for attacks to the north and Washington, May 6.—After having

> From Arras, in the unlikely event of a German success, it could turn either toward the coast or toward Amiens, but it appears most likely that the more northerly operation would be chosen in an attempt to reparate the main French and British forces. The continued bombardment of Amiens is possibly merely a blind to cover the preparation of this scheme.
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> Versed itself this afternoon and recalled the bill for drastic amendment. This action followed the move of Representative Scott Forris, chalfman of the committee, in serving that when the bill reported to the house he would lead a first shortcomings and would lead a first to amend it on the floor.
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> Ferris objected to the relief feature of the bill, which, in his opinion, gave ered there is very powerful.

IF UNITED WILL WIN WAR IN FILING PETITIONS Von Hindenburg Sends Message to German People.

(Associated Press.) Amsterdam, May 6 .- "The last few months have brought us successes which will materially influence the world's defelopment in the next few decades," says a telegram sent by Emperor William, in reply to an address of homage from a convention of German chambers of commerce, "They insure our right to a strong peace which will open new regions to Ger man commerce and give us complete freedom for the development industries. Our sacrifices of blood and treasure shall not be made in Field Marshai Von Hindenburg also

sent a mensage saying: "If the German people stand united a peace will be won which will assure fresh prosperity for commerce and in

RUSSIAN BLACK SEA FLEET CAPTURED

Former German Cruiser Goeben Present When Capture Was Effected.

(International News Service.) London, May 6.—The Russian Black sea fleet has been captured intact, it was officially announced in Constanti-The dispatch quoted the Turkish statement as saying further that the former German cruiser Gosben was at Sebastopol, where the capture was ef-

According to the Clower naval consisted approximately of ten battle thips, four cruisers, over District of Austria stroyers, torpedoboats and submarines, two gun boats and other small craft. When the German and Ukramian forces began their march on Odossa the Eussian fleet was in that barbor. limited, and proached the city going to Schustand in Crimus. During the tirrbulent days after the Belsheviki assumed control of the Russian government, a cauting broke out on the black sea feet and I was seized by holshevik sympathiz-ers. There was a terrible massacre of

FRENCH PUT PEOPLE ON TOBACCO RATION

naval officers.

finternational News Service 3 Paris. May 6.-The French are in roducing tobacco cards, thus putting the people on rations. Cigar and igaret cards are being issued to the women as well as men,

FOR UNIVERSAL TRAINING

(International News Service.)

Washington, May 6.—An attempt to, fasten universal military service legisfation as a rider on the \$15,000,000,000 army appropriation bill will be made when the measure comes up for action in the house next week, it was learned this afternoon.

An amendment drawn by republican representatives provides that every American boy shall spend a total of twelve months in a military camp, receiving military and tactical training, before he reaches his majority. Three months of training would be given in the nineteenth and three in the twen-

in the twenty-first year.

Under this form of compulsory service, advocates of the plan said today, the United States would have 10,000, 500, trained and ready, to be called into active service in any emergency at the end of ten years.

FOR DRASTIC CHANGES

majority report, favored the about armies for attacks to the south put the south but these have since been voted to report out the oil leasing bill, the committee on revivals recom- replaced by others and the force gath. the house public lands committee reversed itself this afternoon and re-

Ferris objected to the relief feature of the bill, which, in his opinion, gave too great benefits to claimants to public lands in the west, whose claims were still in controversy. His objec-tions were backed up by three departments of the government—the depart-ment of justice, the navy department, and the department af the interior.

MEN REACHING 21 YEARS SINCE JUNE, 1917, DRAFTED

Washington, May 6.—An agreement on the bill extending the selective draft law to youths attaining 21 years of age rince Juno 5, 1917, was reached today by senate and house conferees. They retained the amendment of Representative Hull, of lows, providing that the additional registrants shall be placed at the bottom of the eligible lists.

ONE VOTE LACKING TO GET. ACTION ON SUFFRAGE BILL

Washington, May 6 .- By a maryashington, May 6.—By a margin of one vote a motion providing that the senate proceed next friday to consider the house woman suffrage amendment resolution to amend the constitution was defeated in the senate today. The vote was 40 to 21, just less than the necessary two-thirds.

GOVERNMENT'S PLANS AS TO CONSCRIPTION UNCHANGED

(International News Service.) London, May 6.—Chancellor A. Bonar Law was asked in the house of commons this afternoon whether the enforcement of military con-scription in Ireland had been post-poned. He replied that the inten-tion of the government is unchanged.

MAJ.-GEN. FARNSWORTH ON WAY TO MONTGOMERY

(International News Service.) Montgomery. Ala., May 6.-Maj. Gen. O. O. Farnsworth, national army, late in command of Camp Lee, Petersburg. Va., will arrive. Tuesday to take command of the Thirty-seventh divition (Ohio national guards), it was learned today, He succeeds Gen. Charles G. Treat.

many of the Ohio officers. EFFORT TO SECURE VOTE ON SUFFRAGE THIS WEEK

transferred to San Francisco.

Gen. Farnsworth is well known to

(Associated Press.) Washington, May 6. - Senator Jones, of New Mexico, chairman of the senate woman suffrage com-mittee, announced in the senate today that an effort would be made to secure a vote in the senate tate this week on the resolution adopted last winter by the house, proposing a suffrage amendment to the